

Connected on a big three-point field goal late in the game at Miami after the Hurricanes had cut UNC's 16-point lead down to six • Led the Tar Heels with 15 points on 7 of 12 shooting against Clemson in the ACC opener • Scored 18 points against NC State (Jan. 8) on 6 of 9 shooting from the floor • Hit a pair of 3FGs, was 4 for 4 from the FT line and added 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals • Had 13 points, five assists and four steals against UCLA • His steal, dunk and three-pointer brought UNC back from an 11-point second-half deficit to within 62-60 • Scored 27 points on 11 of 16 shooting at Virginia • Recorded his first career double-double against the Cavaliers (27 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and two steals) • The 27 points were the most by a UNC freshman since Antawn Jamison had 31 at Maryland in 1995-96 • Hit a key three-pointer to start the second half in the win over Maryland (UNC was down by seven at the break) • Had 11 second-half points in the 70-53 win at Georgia Tech • Hit a three-pointer with 0:05 left in regulation to force overtime on Feb. 3 versus No. 3 Duke • Had 20 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals in his first game versus Duke.

Had 16 points in the win at NC State on Feb. 9, with 12 of those points in the second half • Led all scorers with 24 points against Wake Forest on Feb. 12 • Missed his first two three-point attempts, then hit six in a row • Named the ACC's Rookie of the Week for the second time on Feb. 14 after the wins over NC State and Wake Forest.

Named the ACC's Rookie of the Week for the second time in three weeks on Feb. 28 • He started the week by scoring 14 points and grabbing four rebounds in UNC's 70-67 win at Florida State on Feb. 23 • He also tallied four assists, including one on Jason Capel's go-ahead three-point play with under a minute to play • Then he scored 26 points on 11-of-16 shooting (and had two blocks and two steals) at Maryland on Feb. 26, in a game played just minutes from his hometown of Greenbelt, Md.

Led Carolina with 19 points and had a career-high six steals (all in the first half) in the March 1 overtime win over Georgia Tech • His driving shot off the glass gave Carolina the lead for good with 51 seconds to play • Paced Carolina with 24 points on 11 of 20 shooting at Duke on March 4 • Also had six rebounds and five assists in his first game at Duke.

ALLTIME UNC FRESHMEN SCORING (BY AVERAGE)

Player	Season	Avg.
1. Joseph Forte	1999-2000	16.7
2. Phil Ford	1974-1975	16.4
3. Antawn Jamison	1995-1996	15.1
4. Sam Perkins	1980-1981	14.9
5. J.R. Reid	1986-1987	14.7

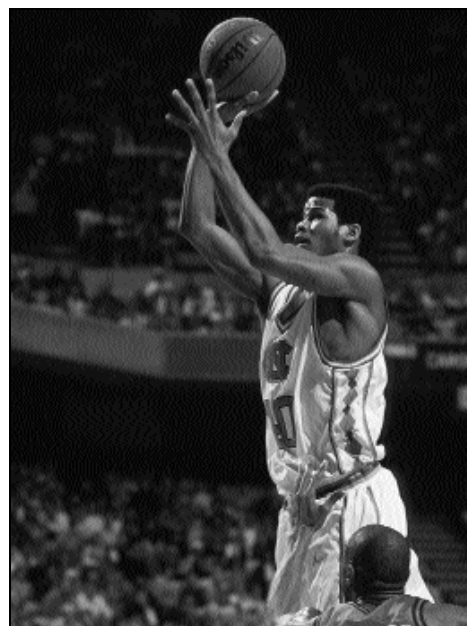
ALLTIME UNC FRESHMEN SCORING (BY TOTAL POINTS)

Player	Season	Points
1. Joseph Forte	1999-2000	600
2. Sam Perkins	1980-1981	550
3. J.R. Reid	1986-1987	528
4. Phil Ford	1974-1975	508
5. Antawn Jamison	1995-1996	484

FRESHMEN STARTERS AT CAROLINA

On Nov. 22, 1999, Joseph Forte became the 15th Tar Heel to start his first career game as a freshman when he was in the starting lineup versus Southern California. The following Carolina players started their first game as freshmen:

Name	Season
Phil Ford	1974-75
Mike O'Koren	1976-77
James Worthy	1979-80
Michael Jordan	1981-82
Kenny Smith	1983-84
J.R. Reid	1986-87
Pete Chilcutt	1987-88
Rick Fox	1987-88
Vince Carter	1995-96
Antawn Jamison	1995-96
Ed Cota	1996-97
Brendan Haywood	1997-98
Jason Capel	1998-99
Kris Lang	1998-99
Joseph Forte	1999-2000



Topped UNC with 17 points in the NCAA second-round upset of No. 1 seed (and No. 3 ranked) Stanford • Broke a 47-47 tie when he hit back-to-back three-pointers with 4:16 and 3:31 to play in the second half, giving Carolina a lead it would not relinquish • Those two three-pointers were part of eight straight points he scored in a span of 1:44 late in the game.

Again led all scorers with 22 points in the Sweet 16 win over Tennessee • After missing his opening attempt, he made his next five field goal attempts and scored 11 of Carolina's first 18 points • He did not attempt a field goal in the second half against the Vols until he hit a jumper with 8:38 to play that cut UT's lead to 55-51 • His next shot was perhaps the biggest of the season for UNC as he drained a three-pointer with 4:27 to play cut UT's lead to 64-60 • That basket began a 13-0 run by UNC.

Had a season-high 28 points in the 59-55 win over Tulsa in the South Regional final • Made 10 of 17 shots from the floor, 7 of 8 free throws and shared the team lead with eight rebounds.

Was named MVP of the NCAA South Regional after averaging 25.0 points and 6.5 rebounds in wins over Tennessee and Tulsa • Scored 22 points and grabbed five boards in the win over the Volunteers • Became the 12th Tar Heel, but the first UNC freshman, to earn NCAA regional MVP honors.

Scored 15 points, 13 of which came in the second half, in the NCAA Final Four vs. Florida • With the Gators leading 40-38, he scored 10 consecutive Tar Heel points (four jumpers, including two 3FGs to give UNC a 48-42 lead with 15:49 to play.

Forte Personality File

College Major:
Business

Post-school ambition:
To play in the NBA

Hobbies:
Chess, skating, internet surfing

Person who has had the greatest influence on my athletic career:
My mother

Athlete I most admire:
Vince Carter

Favorite book:
Thinking Big

Favorite food:
Chicken tenders

Favorite TV shows:
Martin, ESPN

Favorite movies:
Saving Private Ryan, Kings of Comedy, Schindler's List

Favorite vacation spot:
Patterson, N.J.

Favorite musical performer:
Jay-Z

My greatest sports moment:
Going to the Final Four

Interesting fact about myself:
I'm scared of heights

My favorite basketball player when I was growing up was:
Michael Jordan

Favorite Carolina player (not including current teammates):
Ed Cota

What I like most about UNC:
The family atmosphere

My favorite sport other than college basketball is:
Ping Pong

The one thing I would change about college basketball is:
Less travel

If I could do one thing better it would be:
Push myself harder

Person in history I'd most like to meet:
Tupac Shakur

Most interesting thing I did this summer:
Work with kids at basketball camps

My best friend on another team:
Dahntay Jones (Duke), Austin Rowland (Delaware)

Full given name:
Joseph Xavier Forte

Birthdate and place of birth:
March 23, 1981, in Atlanta, Ga.

Mother's name:
Wanda Hightower

High school coach's name:
Morgan Wooten

Scored 95 points in five NCAA Tournament games, trailing only Morris Peterson of Michigan State (105 points in six games) as the leading scorer among all players in the 2000 NCAA Tournament.

PREP

Earned first-team All-America honors by USA Today as a senior at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Md. • Played for legendary prep coach Morgan Wooten • Averaged 22.1 points, 8 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game as a senior • Also averaged 19.2 points as a junior and 11.9 points as a sophomore • DeMatha finished his junior season 34-1 and was ranked No. 3 in the nation • Earned MVP honors at four tournaments • Played in the Albert Schweitzer Games in Germany as a junior • His younger brother, Jason, was a teammate in 1998-99 • Enjoys playing chess, skating and surfing the Net • Born Joseph Xavier Forte on March 23, 1981, in Atlanta • Son of Ms. Wanda Hightower.

JOSEPH FORTE GAME-BY-GAME

1999-2000

Opponent	FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	O-D-REB	A	BLK	STL	PTS
vs. Southern California	9-12	4-4	2-2	0-5-5	3	0	1	24
vs. Georgetown	6-14	0-2	5-6	2-6-8	2	0	3	17
vs. Purdue	7-13	3-4	4-4	2-4-6	2	0	3	21
Michigan State	6-15	3-7	4-6	0-5-5	2	0	2	19
vs. College of Charleston	2-9	0-3	2-3	1-5-6	5	0	1	6
vs. UNLV	7-16	1-3	2-3	3-3-6	1	0	2	17
at Buffalo	8-13	3-4	0-0	3-3-6	4	0	1	19
vs. Cincinnati	7-14	1-5	2-3	2-2-4	6	0	1	17
Tennessee Tech	3-9	1-3	4-6	2-1-3	3	0	1	11
at Miami	5-12	2-4	2-3	1-5-6	1	0	1	14
vs. Indiana	7-20	1-5	2-2	4-3-7	2	1	2	17
at Louisville	7-15	2-4	0-1	1-3-4	2	0	0	16
Howard	6-8	0-1	2-2	0-4-4	2	1	2	14
Clemson	7-12	1-4	0-1	1-4-5	2	0	1	15
NC State	6-9	2-3	4-4	0-4-4	3	0	2	18
at Wake Forest	1-10	1-2	6-10	1-4-5	1	0	2	8
UCLA	6-16	1-6	0-1	0-4-4	5	2	4	13
at Virginia	11-16	2-5	3-6	4-7-11	5	0	2	27
Florida State	7-16	1-5	0-1	2-3-5	3	0	1	15
Maryland	2-9	1-3	2-2	5-4-9	3	0	1	7
at Georgia Tech	7-14	1-3	0-0	0-1-1	4	1	1	15
Duke	9-19	2-4	0-1	2-4-6	4	0	3	20
at Clemson	3-8	1-4	4-4	0-6-6	2	1	0	11
at NC State	4-13	2-5	6-7	2-3-5	1	0	1	16
Wake Forest	9-14	6-8	0-0	2-2-4	0	0	0	24
Virginia	5-13	0-3	3-3	2-4-6	4	0	1	13
at Florida State	4-10	0-4	6-7	0-5-5	4	0	0	14
at Maryland	11-16	2-5	2-2	0-1-1	1	2	2	26
Georgia Tech	7-19	1-6	4-4	3-2-5	0	1	6	19
at Duke	11-20	2-3	0-0	0-6-6	5	1	0	24
vs. Wake Forest (ACC)	3-14	1-5	1-4	3-4-7	4	2	2	8
vs. Missouri (NCAA)	6-19	1-3	0-0	5-3-8	2	1	3	13
vs. Stanford (NCAA)	6-14	2-4	3-4	0-5-5	1	0	0	17
vs. Tennessee (NCAA)	8-13	2-5	4-4	1-4-5	2	1	1	22
vs. Tulsa (NCAA)	10-17	1-7	7-8	2-6-8	1	0	1	28
vs. Florida (NCAA)	5-16	3-10	2-4	0-5-5	2	1	0	15

FORTE'S CAREER HIGHS

Points: 28 vs. Tulsa (3/26/00)

Field Goals: 11 on three occasions

Field Goal Attempts: 20 vs. Indiana (12/21/99) and Duke (3/4/00)

3-Point Field Goals: 6 vs. Wake Forest (2/12/00)

3-Point Field Attempts: 10 vs. Florida (4/1/00)

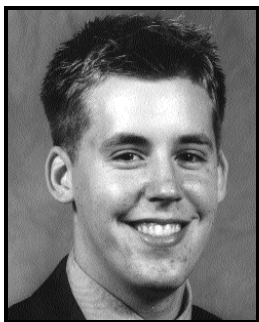
Free Throws: 7 vs. Tulsa (3/26/00)

Free Throw Attempts: 10 vs. Wake Forest (1/12/00)

Rebounds: 11 vs. Virginia (1/18/00)

Assists: 6 vs. Cincinnati (12/8/99)

Steals: 6 vs. Georgia Tech (3/1/00)



#14

6-0, 185
Sophomore
Guard

Bloomington, Ind.
Bloomington
South

■ Scrappy guard who hopes to earn playing time at the point this season.

■ Saw action in the Final Four versus Florida in Indianapolis, an hour from his hometown of Bloomington, Ind.

■ Had an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.1 as a freshman.

JONATHAN HOLMES

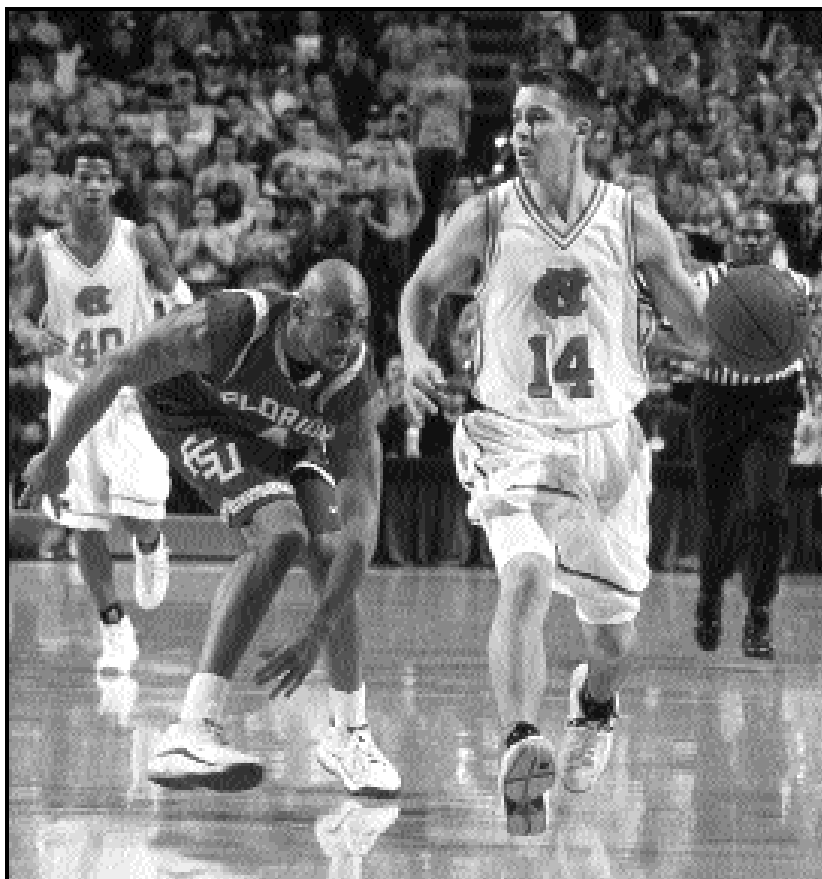
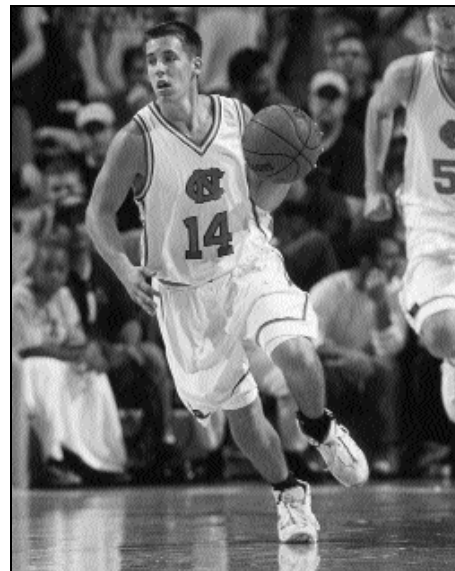
Feisty, competitive point guard who gained a great deal of experience last year going head-to-head each day in practice against Ed Cota • Is quick and an outstanding ball-handler • Plays with great effort each moment he is on the court • Will be in the fight for playing time at point guard • Has spent a great deal of time in the offseason in the weight room to get stronger, especially in the upper body.

FRESHMAN SEASON (1999-2000)

Played in 25 games and made one start (at Georgia Tech) • Appeared in 12 ACC regular-season games and the NCAA Final Four against Florida • Had 17 assists, seven points and four rebounds • Committed just eight turnovers • Played 22 minutes against Florida State on January 22 as Cota missed the game due to illness • Scored five points and had six assists and just two turnovers against the Seminoles • Also scored at Maryland • Had four multi-assist games (six vs. FSU, three vs. Howard and two vs. Purdue and Buffalo).

PREP

Two-time first-team all-state selection and runnerup in the voting for Indiana's Mr. Basketball • Played for his father, J.R. Holmes, at Bloomington South High School • Earned all-region honors all four seasons • Alltime leader at Bloomington South in points, assists, free throw percentage and games started • Started at the varsity level for four seasons • Averaged 19.5 points and 4.2 assists as a senior, 18.5 points and 4.2 assists as a junior, 17.9 points and 4.0 assists as a sophomore and 8.6 points and 4.5 assists as a freshman • Had a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school • Finished No. 1 in his class • Received the John Wooden Citizenship Award • Enjoys playing golf • Born Jonathan Reid Holmes on March 31, 1980, in Bedford, Ind. • Son of J.R. and Martha Holmes.



HOLMES' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	FGM-A	PCT	3FGM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AVG	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
1999-2000	25	3-11	.273	1-6	.167	0-0	—	0	4	4	0.2	17	8	0	1	7	0.3

HOLMES' CAREER ACC STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	FGM-A	PCT	3FGM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AVG	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
1999-2000	12	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	0-0	—	0	2	2	0.2	7	3	0	0	7	0.6

Holmes Personality File

College Major:
Undecided

Post-school ambition:
Play basketball professionally, remain in sports industry

Hobby:
Playing golf

People who have had the greatest influence on my athletic career:
God, my family

Athlete I most admire:
Pete Maravich

Favorite book:
The Bible

Favorite foods:
Steak and shrimp

Favorite TV show:
SportsCenter

Favorite movies:
Gladiator, The Patriot, Tommy Boy

Favorite vacation spot:
Hawaii

Favorite band:
Incubus

My greatest sports moment:
Playing in the Final Four in Indianapolis

Interesting fact about myself:
I played high school basketball for my father, and I am an avid Knicks fan

My favorite basketball player when I was growing up was:
Pete Maravich

Favorite Carolina player (not including current teammates):
Michael Jordan

What I like most about UNC:
The combination of academics and athletics

My favorite sport other than college basketball is:
Golf

The one thing I would change about college basketball is:
All the insignificant NCAA rules and regulations

If I could do one thing better it would be:
To skateboard

Person in history I'd most like to meet:
Jesus Christ

Most interesting thing I did this summer:
Spent time with friends and family at home in Indiana

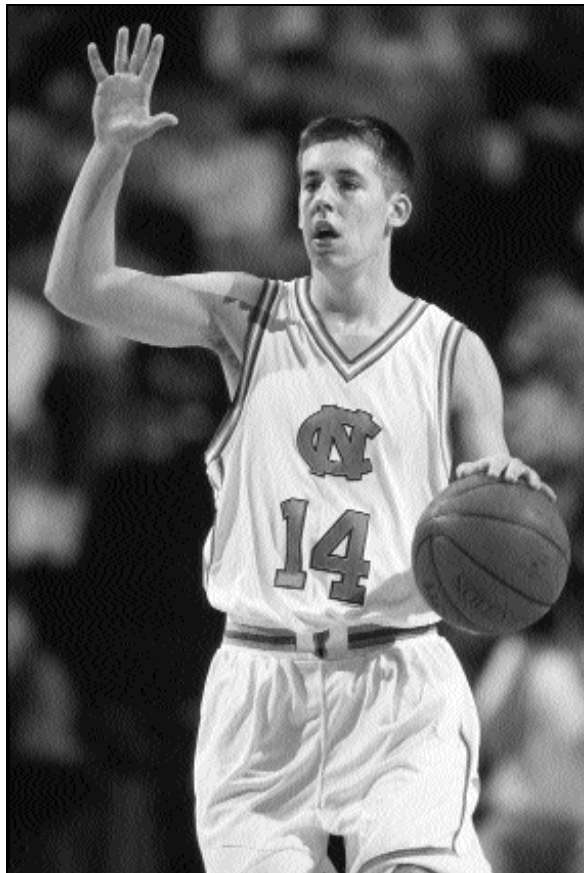
My best friend on another team:
Jason Gardner (Arizona point guard)

Full given name:
Jonathan Reid Holmes

Birthdate and place of birth:
March 31, 1980, in Bedford, Ind.

Parents' names:
J.R. and Martha Holmes

High school coach's name:
J.R. Holmes

**HOLMES' CAREER HIGHS**

Points: 5 vs. Florida State (1/22/00)

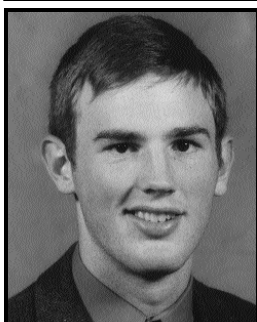
Field Goals: 2 vs. Florida State (1/22/00)

3-Point Field Goals: 2 vs. Florida State (1/22/00)

Assists: 6 vs. Florida State (1/22/00)

JONATHAN HOLMES GAME-BY-GAME**1999-2000**

Opponent	FGM-A	3FGM-A	FTM-A	O-D-REB	A	BLK	STL	PTS
vs. Southern California	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgetown	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Purdue	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0
Michigan State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0
vs. College of Charleston	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. UNLV	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Buffalo	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	0	0
Tennessee Tech	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. Indiana	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0
Howard	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	0	1	0
Clemson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
Florida State	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-1-1	6	0	0	5
Maryland	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia Tech	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Clemson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0
at NC State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida State	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Maryland	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	2
Georgia Tech	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
at Duke	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Wake Forest (ACC)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida (NCAA)	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0



WILL JOHNSON

Recipient of a Morehead Scholarship, the most prestigious academic grant awarded by the University of North Carolina • Worked hard in the offseason to get stronger to be able to play more aggressively inside the paint • Is a good three-point shooter and has a knack for out-fighting bigger players for offensive rebounds • Has a great attitude and work ethic.

JOHNSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Points: 5 vs. Howard (1/2/00)

Field Goals: 2 vs. Howard (1/2/00)

Rebounds: 3 vs. Buffalo (12/7/99) and Tennessee Tech (12/12/99)

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6-8, 216
Sophomore
Forward

Hickory, N.C.
Hickory

■ Morehead Scholarship recipient and walk-on member of the basketball team.

■ Smart player who can bang inside and hit the outside shot.

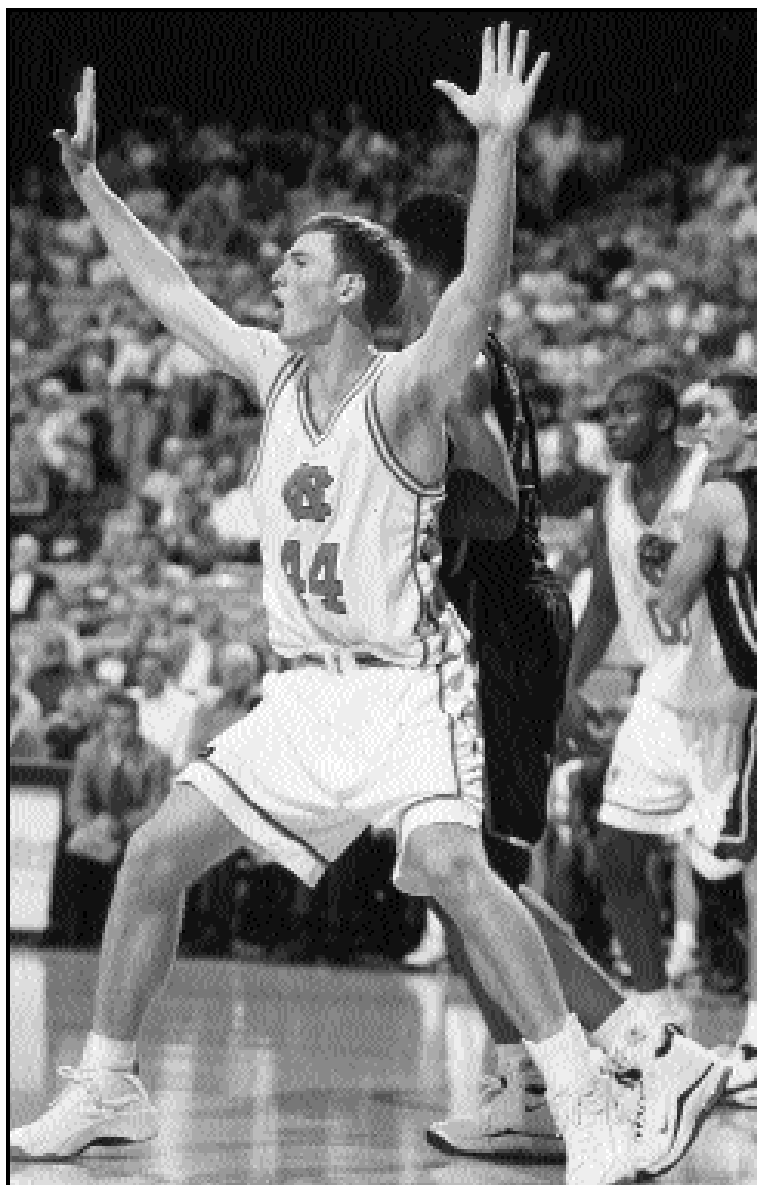
■ Former prep soccer star at Hickory High School.

FRESHMAN SEASON (1999-2000)

Played in 24 games, including 13 ACC regular-season contests and the NCAA Final Four against Florida • Scored nine points, grabbed 18 rebounds and made three steals • Scored five points against Howard and two each against College of Charleston and Buffalo • Had a season-high three rebounds in wins over Buffalo and Tennessee Tech.

PREP

Earned conference Most Valuable Player and all-state, all-region honors at Hickory High School • Played for Coach John Worley • Established seven school records, including most career points and rebounds • Averaged 16 points, nine rebounds and three assists as a senior and 17 points, 10 boards and two assists as a junior • Led Hickory to two state championship game appearances • Also earned all-state, all-region and all-conference honors in soccer • Set the school record for goalies for lowest goals against average • National Honor Society president and Hickory's Student of the Year • Enjoys reading, playing golf and playing the cello • Born William Wesley Johnson on Oct. 18, 1980, in Charlotte • Son of Wallace and Sallie Johnson.



JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	FGM-A	PCT	3FGM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AVG	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
1999-2000	24	3-15	.200	0-4	.000	3-4	.750	6	12	18	0.8	1	4	0	3	9	0.4

JOHNSON'S CAREER ACC STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	FGM-A	PCT	3FGM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AVG	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
1999-2000	13	0-5	.000	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0	4	4	0.3	0	3	0	1	0	0.0